GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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Non-Conventional Agriculture
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for the promotion of non-conventional agriculture in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has provided/proposes to provide assistance to the farmers engaged in non-conventional agriculture to ensure sale of their produces or set up industry based on such produces;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to provide subsidy for the said nonconventional agriculture; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): Government is promoting non-conventional agriculture i.e. organic farming through various schemes/ programmes under the National Mission of Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) such as Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY)/ and "Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region" Under PKVY, the Annual Action Plans of 28 States and 1 Union Territory have been approved with a total outlay of Rs. 508.46 Crore to develop 7141 clusters. Rs.197 Crore has been released as 1st installment to the States till 31.01.2016.

(c) & (d): Realizing the potential of organic farming in the North Eastern Region of the country Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has launched a Central Sector Scheme entitled "Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region" for implementation in the states of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura, during 2015-16 to 2017-18. The scheme aims to develop certified organic production in a value chain mode to link growers with consumers and to support the development of entire value chain starting from inputs, seeds, certification, creation of facilities for collection, aggregation, processing marketing and brand building initiatives.The scheme has been approved with an outlay of Rs. 400 crore for 3 years and Rs. 125 crore has been allocated by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare during 2015-16.

(e) & (f): The pattern of assistance provided through above said schemes for encouraging non conventional agriculture is given at Annexure-I.